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- 1. THE KINSHASA CITY GOVERNMENT, UNDER URBAN COMMISSIONER SAKOMBI INONGO, IS PREPARING FOR FULL SCALE ENFORCEMENT OF THE MAY 21 LAW REQUIRING URBAN UNEMPLOYED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME VILLAGES. IN A SPEECH DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLED CITIZENS ON AUGUST 31, SAKOMBI STATED THAT WHILE "BRUTAL" TECHNIQUES WILL NOT BE USED, RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS WHO FAIL TO APPLY THE LAW WILL BE JAILED.
- 2. IN A SEPARATE INTERVIEW EARLIER IN THE WEEK, SAKOMBI REMARKED THAT THE CITY AUTHORITIES HAS ALREADY SENT 150 UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN BUSES AND TRUCKS BACK TO THEIR VILLAGES OF ORIGIN IN BAS ZAIRE AND BANDUNDU. ACCORDING TO SAKOMBI, THE EXPULSION OF UNEMPLOYED MEN FROM THE CAPITAL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE EXPULSION OF UNEMPLOYED WOMEN.
- 3. COMMENT: SAKOMBI'S RIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW--IF ACTUALLY PURSUED--WILL MARK A NOTABLE DEPARTURE FROM THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM OF THE PAST MONTHS. THE PLAN OF MASS EXPULSION OF THE UNEMPLOYED FROM THE CAPITAL AS WELL AS FROM OTHER MAJOR CITIES IS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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